

**REMARKS**

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Final Office Action mailed August 28, 2007, in which claims 1-13 are allowed, claims 14-18 and 21-25 are rejected, and claims 19, 20, 26, and 27 are objected to. The Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1-13. No amendments have been made with this response.

***Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103***

Claims 14-18 and 21-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Holman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,953,470) in view of Barath (U.S. Patent No. 5,196,024). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Holman et al. is only available as prior art to the present application, if at all, under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §102(e). However, by virtue of 35 U.S.C. §103(c) Holman et al. is disqualified as prior art in formulating the current rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Holman et al. and the current application were both under an obligation of assignment to SciMed Life Systems, Inc at the time the claimed invention was made. The assignment of Holman et al. to SciMed Life Systems, Inc. can be found at Reel 013281, Frame 0379, and the assignment of the claimed invention can be found at Reel 014386, Frame 0300.

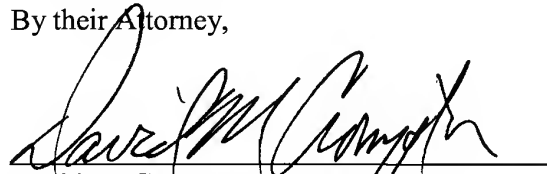
Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is requested. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

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